

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1-28. (Cancelled)
29. (Withdrawn) A medical testing system comprising:
an exercise stress test device comprising,
an input for receiving data representing electrical activity of a patient's heart,
a work surface, and
a printing component configured to print a graphical waveform representing the electrical activity of the patient's heart on a medium moving across the work surface;
a light source that illuminates the exercise stress test device; and
a component for automatically turning the light source off, if a key of the exercise stress test device has not been pressed by a user within a predetermined period of time;
wherein the illuminating component illuminates the work surface;
wherein the illuminating component illuminates the medium as it moves along the work surface; and
wherein the instrument is configured to be primarily powered by connection to an external power source.
30. (Withdrawn) The medical testing system of claim 29, wherein the light source illuminates a work surface of the exercise stress test device.
31. (Withdrawn) The medical testing system of claim 30, wherein
the exercise stress test device further comprises a keypad having a backlight which backlights the keypad; and
a key on the keypad is configured to turn off both the light source and the backlight.

32. (Withdrawn) A medical testing method comprising:
activating an illuminating component which is coupled to an instrument that is used to monitor electrical activity of a patient's heart, the illuminating component being directed towards a work surface of the instrument;
illuminating a medium printed on by a printing component as the medium moves along a work surface of the instrument with the illuminating component; and
deactivating the illuminating component with a control program if a predetermined condition arises indicating that conditions no longer require illumination of the work surface from the illuminating component.
33. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 32, wherein the predetermined condition is that no keys of the instrument have been pressed for a predetermined amount of time.
34. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 33, wherein the predetermined amount of time is about one hour.
35. (Cancelled)
36. (New) A medical testing system for monitoring the electrical activity of a patient's heart by successively performing both electrocardiogram and echocardiogram monitoring procedures in the same location, the system comprising:
a movable cart housing a central control system for controlling both the electrocardiogram and echocardiogram procedures;
the central control system comprising
a display for displaying monitoring output from the electrocardiogram and/or echocardiogram monitoring procedures,
a printer for printing monitoring output from the electrocardiogram and/or echocardiogram monitoring procedures,
a work surface upon which the printed monitoring output is disposed,
a keypad comprising a plurality of keys for inputting control commands to the control system to conduct the echocardiogram procedures, and

a keyboard comprising a plurality of keys for inputting commands to the control system to conduct the electrocardiogram and/or echocardiogram procedures; and

an illuminating component for selectively illuminating the work surface, keypad and keyboard and thereby facilitating successive performance of the electrocardiogram and echocardiogram monitoring procedures by allowing a caregiver to view and manipulate the keys on the keypad and keyboard and view the printed monitoring output regardless of surrounding lighting conditions of the location,

wherein the illuminating component is automatically de-activated if a key on the keypad is not actuated for a predetermined time period.

37. (New) The medical testing system of claim 36, wherein the movable cart comprises a plate for supporting the display above the work surface and the illuminating component is attached to the plate.

38. (New) The medical testing system of claim 37, wherein the illuminating component comprises a circuit board having a plurality of light emitting diodes.

39. (New) The medical testing system of claim 36, wherein the illuminating component comprises a circuit board having a plurality of light emitting diodes.

40. (New) The medical testing system of claim 36, wherein the illuminative component can be activated or de-activated by actuating a key on the keypad.

41. (New) The medical testing system of claim 36, wherein the illuminating component comprises a plurality of light emitting diodes.

42. (New) The medical testing system of claim 36, wherein the printer comprises a thermal writer and a paper roller that feeds paper across a heated printer head and then onto the work surface.

43. (New) The medical testing system of claim 36, wherein the predetermined time period is about one hour.